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## ETHER AND THE ARCHAIC HORIZON

By M. Wells Jakeman

*Editor's Note—This is the second of a series of articles on scientific proofs of the authenticity of the Book of Mormon. Mr. Jakeman, graduate student at the University of California, is doing special work for his Doctorate in the field of mid-American research. A third article will follow in the next issue.*

When Columbus restored the contact of the Old World with America in 1492, he opened a question which was to baffle scientists for the next four and a half centuries. The great navigator himself had no doubt as to the identity of the people whose land he had reached. He stated his opinion as a self-evident fact, calling them "Indians," i.e. people of India, a theory which has been recently revived in its general implications by certain English anthropologists. Nevertheless, this identification was combated even by the contemporaries of Columbus, and ever since then the question has been constantly raised, how are the natives of the "New World" to be *historically* or *scientifically* classified in the present scheme of the human family?

Not many years after Columbus an even greater mystery was raised when his followers revealed to astonished Europe the unexpected civilizations of Yucatan, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru. It was not long before Europeans began also to marvel and speculate how such an American *cultural* florescence could be accounted for in relation to the great "culture-complex" of the Eastern Hemisphere. Was this mighty cultural pyramid of Middle America the achievement solely of unaided native genius (as held by many scientists), or was it wholly the gift (as held by many romanticists) of the Old World to the New by some unknown invasion of the past? Or finally, and perhaps more conservatively, was it the unique outcome of a combination of these two sources brought together in mutual stimulation by hitherto unknown contacts?

These questions have come to have more than mere academic interest. Their significance to the anthropological sciences—the sciences of man—has been of course long since recognized. Their much greater significance for the fuller understanding of the mundane and spiritual destinies of man has as yet been only slightly realized. It is hoped that some indication of this latter significance will be brought out in this series of articles.

Since the identification of the "American Indian" by Columbus, almost every conceivable explanation has been advanced by scientists and by romanticists for the origin of the early Americans and their cultures. Sunken continents, Oriental nations, European and South Sea races, indigenous anthropoids, Australian aborigines, and fi-

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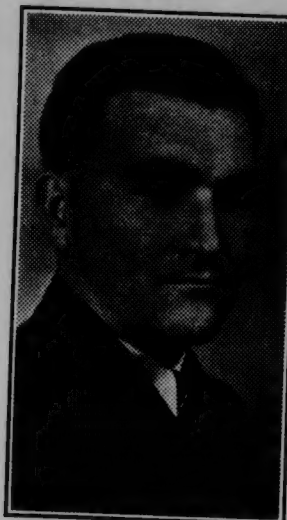
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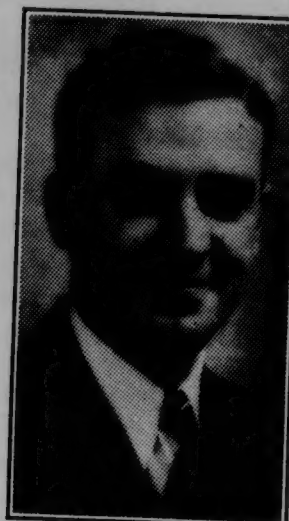
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Clyde J. Summerhays



Hugh P. Anderson

Picking up the reins where the retiring Stake Presidency dropped them, the Stake's new officers are rapidly falling into stride. Their first message to Latter-day Saints of this region is found in another column of the Messenger. It is hoped that this monthly message will become a regular feature of our columns.

The new Presidency is well qualified and with a diversity and richness of experience which should be of tremendous benefit. President Hilton is already gaining a national reputation as an educator and author. We had the pleasure just a few months ago of chronicling his achievement in winning the Atlantic Monthly prize for the most outstanding text book of the year. He was educated in the schools of Utah, receiving a bachelor's degree from the Brigham Young University and an M. A. from the University of Utah. Later he received his doctorate from the University of California. He served for a while as president of the Gila, Arizona, Junior College. Incidentally, he just returned from Arizona where he went to deliver the commencement address at the college. Coming to California, he was first employed as a teacher in the Roosevelt High School in Oakland. He was soon made the head of the social studies department of all Oakland high schools, a position which he still holds, along with the principalship of Allendale school. But with all his heavy duties he has not neglected his Church nor his family. He and his good wife, Ruth Savage Hilton, are the parents of seven boys and one girl. He has found time to fill a two year mission to the eastern states, besides serving as a member of San Francisco Stake High Council and as a member of the Stake Presidency for several years before being elevated to his present position.

W. Glenn Harmon, his first counselor, received his early education in Utah schools. After completing high school in 1917 he went to Washington, D. C., thence into the army and overseas for a year's service

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## JUNE 20 SET APART AS SPECIAL FAST SUNDAY

To the Members of Oakland Stake:  
For the purpose of building up the social security fund of this Stake, your Stake Presidency hereby designates Sunday, June 20, as a day for special fasting and prayer, and for the giving of special fast offerings. These offerings will be used in providing employment to those of our brothers and sisters temporarily out of work.

It is requested that every effort be made to spread word of this occasion so that every Latter-day Saint in Oakland Stake may have the opportunity of participating. The Sunday School services should be shortened in the manner customary on regular fast Sundays, and should be turned into testimony meeting, the usual short talks during the Sunday School service should have as their theme the social security plan. Sacrament meeting should be held in the evening as usual, and will be attended in the various wards by members of the Stake Presidency and High Council as assigned. The theme of these evening meetings should be the Church security program.

The Church is in the public eye as never before, and largely because of its security program. We cannot afford to fail in Oakland Stake. We shall not fail. You are all urged to enter into the spirit of the occasion and to give liberally that we may be in a position to fulfil our part in this great program.

Sincerely your brethren,  
Eugene Hilton,  
W. Glenn Harmon,  
Clyde J. Summerhays.



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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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## AN HISTORIAN'S TRIBUTE

Much has been said in praise of the great pioneer whose birthday falls on June 1. Even the world which reviled and held him up to ridicule begins to recognize him for what he was—one of the greatest characters America has produced.

In 1921, while the writer was a student at the Brigham Young University, occurred an incident, trivial in itself, yet distinctly marking the change in the world's attitude toward the man, and incidentally conveying to us moderns a lesson in courtesy which will bear heeding.

It was Founders' Day at the institution. The great and near great among the alumni and members of the Church were gathered for a day of festivity which was to be a bit more than usual, for it was the first of such days to be celebrated under the regime of the new President, Dr. Franklin S. Harris. A new policy was being inaugurated under him: New life and vigor were to be instilled into the institution, revitalizing it and starting it upon the road to become a real university, one in which spiritual training would receive its due meed along with the scientific.

The crowd, this Founders' Day, caught the spirit of the occasion and the air was electric with the great things to be done.

Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, noted historian from the University of California, had been invited to deliver the principal address. The services were scheduled to begin at ten in the Utah Stake Tabernacle, preceded by an academic procession from the campus. In spite of excelling as a manager on such occasions, Dr. Harris had been wholly unable to get the procession started and stopped on time. To add to his difficulties was that good (?) old Mormon custom of feeling obligated to recognize for just a few words,

each visiting dignitary. Struggle as he would against time, it slipped through his fingers so rapidly that by the time Dr. Bolton's place on the program was reached, there remained but a very few minutes before high noon. The doctor was introduced and immediately launched into a long and most interesting paper on Brigham Young's contribution to the West.

The minutes slipped by, the crowd became restless, Dr. Harris more so than anyone else, for the remaining events yet to be run off during the day must have weighed heavily on his mind. Finally, unable to restrain himself longer he leaned forward and gently pulled Dr. Bolton's gown. The doctor stopped, looked around, faced the audience and said in a booming voice:

"I came over a thousand miles to pay a tribute to Brigham Young which all my life I have wanted to pay to him. Now, for the sake of a few moments I don't propose to be denied that opportunity."

Needless to say the crowd settled back, abashed at its own rudeness and listened intently to the very last word.

So far as this writer knows, that paper has never been published by the Church. It should be. It was a masterpiece, a genuine tribute from an historian of the first rank to the nation's greatest pioneer.

## MESSAGE FROM THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

It is with mingled feelings of humility, thankfulness, and anxiety that we undertake the responsible work to which we have been called. We sincerely regard the great cause in which all of us are engaged as the most far reaching and important one in existence. We desire, with the help of the Lord and your earnest support, to carry forward the great work which has been so well begun here in the Oakland Stake of Zion.

We cannot hope to take the places of Presidents Macdonald and Johnson, but we pledge to you our sincere devotion and ask in return your active support. We desire to express our appreciation for the many kind words and good wishes which we have received. We shall try to merit your continued confidence.

These days in which we are living are such that no person having "put his hand to the plow" can afford to turn back or postpone faithful obedience to all the commandments of God. The Lord has said that we should not wait to be commanded in all things but should of our own free will and choice, seek to bring about much righteousness. Surely there is important work for everyone to do. No special assignment is needed. It matters little in what capacity we serve so long as we do actually serve faithfully and intelligently. Let us all remember the Lord's words, "Ye are only in the service of your God when ye are in the service of your fellowmen."

Let those of us who have cast our lots with the "great and marvelous" cause of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ "labor while it is called today, for soon the night cometh when no man can labor."

Sincerely your brethren,  
OAKLAND STAKE PRESIDENCY,  
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with the American Expeditionary Forces. Upon returning he became a student at the Brigham Young University and while there was awarded the Thompson scholarship to the University of California School of Jurisprudence. He had the unique distinction of debating on the varsity squads of both universities attended by him, and participated in the first international debate ever held by the University of California. He received his degree in 1925 and returned to Utah, where he engaged in the practice of the law, serving a term as city attorney for Price, Utah, and a term as county attorney of Carbon County. In 1931 he was lured back to the bay region, since when he has been a member of the firm of Johnson and Harmon, engaged in general practice of the law, with offices in San Francisco. He, too, has been very active in the Church, being in demand as a speaker in ward and stake functions on both sides of the bay, and serving for five years as Stake superintendent of the M. I. A. While attending the university at Berkeley, he married Wanda Boyack whom he had met at the Brigham Young University. They now have three children.

Clyde J. Summerhays, second counselor, came to California in 1931, fresh from the portals of the Brigham Young University. He was employed by the National Biscuit Company, first in the shipping department and then as a salesman. He is also associated with the Beneficial Life Insurance Company. Shortly after getting located he returned to Utah, married Sarah Dixon and brought her back. They now have two children. He has been very active in Church work as a Sunday School teacher, scoutmaster, and in various musical organizations. He was made a Seventy in 1932 and shortly afterward became one of the presidents of the 222nd Quorum. In the latter position he became Stake Superintendent of Sunday Schools, in which capacity his ability as an organizer was displayed. With all his other duties he has managed to remain an active member of the Mormon Male Chorus, and served one term as its president.

Hugh Preston Anderson, stake clerk, was born in Ephraim, Utah, September 2, 1896. While still quite young his family moved to Ogden and Hugh was graduated from the Weber Academy in 1915. He was called on a mission to the northwestern states in 1917 and served there until August, 1919, the greater part of the time as mission secretary. Upon his release he came to Oakland and has lived here ever since. When Oakland Branch was organized in 1920, he became its first clerk, in which capacity he served until 1926. From 1927 to 1932 he was first branch and then ward clerk of Berkeley. In 1934 he succeeded Reed S. Gardner as clerk of San Francisco Stake, and upon the creation of Oakland Stake he continued as clerk of the new Stake, in which capacity he has been retained by the new Presidency. In 1934 he married Amy MacDonald, sister of former Stake President W. Aird MacDonald.

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nally Siberian Mongoloids have been enthusiastically championed.

Of these explanations the last named has proved the most satisfactory as well as the most popular. But even this has been found to be inadequate. The great varieties of physical types, linguistic stocks and culture complexes in ancient America cannot be easily accounted for by the few thousand years only of evolutionary diversification which it is possible to grant the "modern race of the American Indian." A modification is necessary. The Mongoloid theory may be satisfactory for the explanation of the general complexion of the "Amerindian race" and cultures, but it should not be followed too narrowly. Allowance must be made for the possibility, if not indeed the probability, of non-Mongoloid sources for certain racial and cultural groups or elements which are most emphatically neither Mongoloid nor native American in origin. In fact, common sense impels one to adopt the more comprehensive view that the races and basic cultural concepts of America, though all covered over with a semi-Mongoloid character, did not all necessarily reach America from the one source or region and by the one path only, but that one or several trans-oceanic contacts probably also contributed to the American scene over the thousands of years of its course.

The possibility of such additional sources becomes very positive indeed when we recall to mind the successively sudden and unaccountable appearances of the Archaic and the Maya races and civilizations in Middle America. These suggest that the introduction of the many non-Mongoloid features characteristic of them, and not found either earlier or elsewhere in America itself, may be most naturally and reasonably attributed to colonies arriving from across the sea on these particular coasts and at these particular times. The assumption of such explanatory occurrences cannot be said to be a romancing of the imagination (as asserted by some), since history is replete with instances of similar distant colonizing ventures. This modification of the Siberian Mongoloid theory is essentially the "Mormon" explanation of Middle American origins and history, obtained from that much misunderstood source, the Book of Mormon.

Nevertheless, a popular fallacy has been fostered by the "Monroe Doctrine" school of American anthropologists to the effect that the "Mormon" explanation and reconstruction is an "illogical argument" incapable of scientific definition or proof. In an article printed in the April number of THE MESSENGER, the writer pointed out that this misconception is based on an ignorance—scientifically inexcusable—of the documentary source itself of the "Mormon" explanation, and on an unwarranted disregard of basic scientific premises. In the same article, the proper scientific procedure was also outlined, by which the correctness or falsity of this explanation may be definitively determined by strictly scientific methods. It was there shown that this all-important enquiry hinges on the ascertainment of the authenticity or the falsity of the Book of Mormon, the basis of the "Mormon" explanation, as a contemporary historical record of ancient America. It was also shown that there are available for its solution six distinct methods recog-

nized in historical science for the authentication of sources of historical evidence. The last and most potential of these is the method of "authentication from comparative historical criticism (determination of historical facts by comparisons with independent external evidences such as archaeological, documentary and anthropological)." In the brief space remaining here it is intended to demonstrate the potentiality of this comparative method when applied to our particular problem. We shall illustrate it by the opportunity presented us in the alignment of the Book of Ether (one of the records in the Book of Mormon) as an historical document contemporary with what is now known as the "Archaic Horizon" in American anthropology.

In the article cited above, it was pointed out that the evidence under consideration must satisfy three requirements in order to establish scientific proof. First, the evidences must be established beyond all doubt as mutually independent in observation and transmission. Second, they must be acknowledged to be reasonably arbitrary in nature; that is, a concurrence among them cannot be explained away as merely a case of natural or psychological convergence, but can only be attributed to simple accident or to a common source in the original evidenced fact itself. The evidence is arbitrary if the fact to which it testifies could not have been anticipated without previous indication or suggestion. Third, these independent and arbitrary evidences must disclose a reasonable number of concurrences in relation to the particular or general fact in question, at least five or six, in the general opinion of scientists. Such a number will effectually eliminate all possibility of an accidental correspondence, leaving only the alternative conclusion that the concurrences result from a common source in the original fact itself. The satisfaction of these three requirements will then constitute scientific proof of the historical actuality of the evidenced fact, and of course simultaneously of the authenticity of the concurring evidences themselves.

How do the evidences we are now considering actually meet these three requirements? First we must ascertain whether our two sets of data, that in the Book of Ether and that recovered by American anthropology, are completely independent of each other. In the present case this is a simple matter. Everyone will acknowledge that the Book of Mormon, of which the Book of Ether is an integral part, was first published in 1830, and that the original text, except for grammatical errors and punctuation, has not been altered in any way since that date. Furthermore, all scientists will admit that knowledge of the history and anthropology of America corresponding to the period of the Book of Ether was completely non-existent at the time of the publication of the Book of Mormon. In fact, these discoveries were not first made until about 1880, fifty years later. The full realization of the "Archaic" factor, the race and civilization corresponding to those of the same period and area dealt with in the Book of Ether, did not dawn on archaeologists until as recently as 1917 when occurred the epochal discovery of the "Archaic" strata at Atzacotzalco in the Valley of Mexico. The possibility of a borrowing or of an anticipation by suggestion is therefore definitely ruled out of the question.

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT



John C. Stirrat

John C. Stirrat, President of the High Priests' Quorum, has been appointed Stake Superintendent of Sunday Schools to replace Clyde J. Summerhays, recently appointed a member of the new Oakland Stake Presidency. Stirrat is a native of Utah. He attended the public schools of Salt Lake City and completed his last two years of high school in Hyrum, Utah. He graduated from the George Washington University Law School in 1925 with the degree of LL.B. and the following year the degree of LL.M. was conferred upon him. In September, 1927, Stirrat located in Oakland for the practice of law. He has been active in Church work all his life, having been president of his quorum as a Deacon, Elder and High Priest, in which latter capacity he remains. He has been a teacher in both the Sunday School and M. I. A. organizations. He was first counselor to Bishop Eugene B. Jacobs in the Oakland Ward for more than two years. He has also served in the Y. M. M. I. A. as First Assistant Stake Superintendent, and in the Stake Sunday Schools in the same capacity.

As to the second requirement listed above, the arbitrary nature of the evidenced facts will be seen to be fully apparent when we later consider the evidences themselves. It will suffice to point out here that, by the "anticipation test" of arbitrariness, it is impossible to imagine how the asserted translator of the Book of Mormon could have anticipated by fifty years, without any previous indications or suggestions (which are definitely known to have been utterly absent at his time), the highly unexpected archaeological discoveries of the Archaic race and civilization.

We now come to the third and final test. Do these two sets of independent and arbitrary evidences actually disclose positive concurrences or identities; and if so, are these concurrences in sufficient number (i.e. five or more) to satisfy the scientific requirement?

We shall leave the answer to this final question for a concluding article. However, the basic principles involved have now been outlined. The nature of the problem has been explained, the purpose of its investigation justified, and the scientific method for its solution established. It remains for the evidences themselves to speak, and on this will hinge great decisions.

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have some fun—  
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## WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE, JUNE, 1937

### Living for Our Blessings

There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated. And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated. (Doctrine and Covenants, Section 130:20-21.)

To every person born into the world the right of free agency is given. Each of us has the right to order his life in whatsoever manner he chooses. If we choose to live righteously and merit the promised blessings, we have that privilege. If we choose to live sinfully and forfeit our rights to these blessings that privilege also has been given to us.

It should always be remembered that the principle of free agency involves both freedom of action and responsibility for our actions. All blessings promised by your Father in Heaven are predicated upon obedience to His laws. To those who obey the laws the blessings cannot be denied. To those who disregard and violate the law there is no promise, no claim upon the blessings. If we exercise our free agency unrighteously we must expect to suffer the consequences of sin, which, to the sinful are as certain to follow as are blessings to those who obey the commandments.

For more than a hundred years, Latter-day Saints have tested the promises of the Lord, and multitudes have testified to their fulfillment. Today, both individually and collectively those who obey the laws of God are being blessed abundantly. But far greater blessings are promised for fuller obedience and greater faithfulness. These promises are of both temporal and spiritual blessings, if we obey both temporal and spiritual laws.

Never since the organization of the Church has there been greater need or desirability of strict observance of the laws of God by every Latter-day Saint; and never before have the promises of glorious blessings been more certain of fulfillment. We are a blessed people. Zion prospers. The world is according the Church wide acclaim.

We should not be lulled into a sense of false security. The blessings we now enjoy will be continued and the still greater blessings which have been promised will be given unto us, only if we obey the law upon which all blessings are predicated—the law of obedience to God's commandments.

As a people and as individuals we should beware of the sins and temptations that surround us and make every effort to live for the great blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which have been promised to the faithful.

## RELIEF SOCIETY

Relief Society union meeting of May 23 was in the form of a general assembly with visiting teachers present. Class work was completed at the end of May. The Stake presidency feels that union meetings should be held during the summer months, so that ward presidents may receive their instructions, though there will be no class department work until August meeting. The fall class work will begin again the first week in September, instead of October as it has been in the past. Opening parties will be held in August this year. We hope all are collecting pennies and dimes in the banks which were distributed for the collection of magazine subscriptions and annual dues.

During the months of June, July and August, one meeting each month will be held in the wards. This will be the regular work and business meeting day in the second week of each month.

President Sara H. Carruth has been honored again in having the opportunity of attending the convention of the State Board Parents' and Teachers' Assn., in Pasadena, California. This year she is officiating as parliamentarian of the convention. We feel that her affiliation with this organization is a very fine thing and we are very proud of her achievement and of all the fine work she is doing.

Ward conferences have been held in all wards except Richmond and in Hayward branch, during April and May. Richmond will be held some time in June. The date for Pittsburg Branch has not been set.

## ETHER M. DAVEY

Funeral services were held May 17 in the Oakland ward chapel for Ether M. Davey, who for several years was a member of the Bishopric of Oakland Ward. Bro. Davey, a zealous Church worker, was born in Salt Lake City, November 5, 1877 and filled a mission in the southern states. For several years he was a member of the Salt Lake City police department. He and his family moved to Ophir, Utah, in 1917, in which place they were largely responsible for the Church organizations. The first Sunday School in Ophir was held in their home and Bro. Davey supervised that work for some time. The family moved to Oakland Ward about eight years ago and have actively participated in the ward activities since that time. His many friends will miss his cheery smile and his fine example of faith in and devotion to the gospel cause. He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth Davey, two sons, five daughters and one brother. Interment was in the Mountain View Cemetery.

## TESTIMONIAL FOR RETIRING STAKE PRESIDENCY POSTPONED

The testimonial in honor of Presidents W. Aird MacDonald and J. Edward Johnson and High Counselor William T. Hicken, scheduled to be held June 4, has been temporarily postponed because one of the honored guests could not be present at that time. A date in July has been under consideration, but since so many people take their vacations at that time, and since it is desired to make this affair one of the finest the Stake has ever witnessed, it may be put over until August. A special committee under the direction of O. Leslie Stone, Delbert L. Wright and Nathan G. Tolman of the High Council, together with their wives, are in charge and will announce the definite date very soon. Every organization and person in the Stake will have the opportunity of participating in the demonstration to show the retiring brethren that their long years of sacrifice and work are appreciated.

## THE LIAHONA PLEAS CRITICS AND PUBLIC

The third performance of W. King Driggs' cantata, "The Liahona," given in the Oakland Civic Auditorium the evening of May 14, was most successful. An audience of approximately seven hundred people evinced their delight by vociferous applause after every number. The music was scintillating and full of beautiful melody. It was rendered by the well trained chorus and soloists in a manner deserving of the highest praise. There is no doubt but this is music that will live. It grows on one the more it is heard. Music critics who heard the latest rendition have been outspoken in their praise. There is feeling here that it has proved itself and should now be taken up and pushed by the Church Music Committee in Salt Lake City. What organizations like the Salt Lake or Ogden Tabernacle chorus could do to this is thrilling to contemplate. Too much praise for the splendid directing by Professor Lawrence Reeder cannot be uttered.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ORGANIZED

To act as a clearing house for transportation of Saints, particularly to and from Salt Lake City at times of conferences, the Stake Presidency has appointed a committee consisting of George Southgate, 1951 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, phone Thornwall 6541; Ivy Breck, 1497 Oak Street, Oakland, phone Glencourt 2105; and Frank H. Nelson, 2915 Rawson Street, Oakland, phone Andover 4978. It is requested that all persons desiring passengers to and from any points, and persons desiring passage, communicate with members of this committee.

## BRIGHAM YOUNG'S BIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED

Mayor E. N. Ament of Berkeley will be present to deliver greetings to those gathered in the Berkeley Chapel Sunday evening, June 6, to do honor to Brigham Young, whose birthday was June 1.

Kendall Thomas will direct a pageant for which Mary Dunham has written the continuity, the theme being Brigham Young, the Builder. Duets, quartets and congregational singing of all the early pioneer songs will be led by Orthella Hughes. Film slide pictures of Latter-day Saint leadership will be presented by Don Wood and excerpts from the teachings of the great colonizer will be given by President I. B. Ball of the Oakland Stake Mission, under whose sponsorship the program is arranged. Fifteen hundred illustrated programs are being distributed to Berkeley homes and a record attendance is expected.

## CENTRAL STATES MISSION REPORT

The headquarters of the Central States Mission, presided over by Elias S. Woodruff, is located at Independence, Missouri, not far from the site of the temple which is someday to be built in Jackson County. President Woodruff has, under his jurisdiction, the Press of Zion's Printing and Publishing Company; it is next door to the Mission office. Here all the pamphlets and tracts and books of Mormon are printed for use in the American missions.

The mission is comprised of four states: Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma. The southern portion of Illinois is included. A little over three months ago, Oklahoma was divided into two districts making a total of eight districts at the present time. Two chapels, one in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the other in Kansas City, Missouri, were recently dedicated.

The sweet, humble spirit of our presiding officer, President Woodruff, the ambition and strong testimonies of the missionaries, and the cooperation and love manifested by the members and investigators, combined with the Spirit of the Lord fill our cup of joy to overflowing. We, who work in this part of the Lord's vineyard, are truly blessed.

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## STAKE PRESIDENCY, HIGH COUNCIL AND MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS FOR JUNE

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Elmhurst: W. Glenn Harmon, C. C. Carr, Alvin M. Sorenson.  
Dimond: Don J. Allphin, Preston Jackson.  
Hayward: William J. Nielsen, Elmo Carr.  
Oakland: Eugene Hilton, Victor Lindblad, Robert T. Paine.  
Martinez: Nathan G. Tolman, John M. Telford.  
Richmond: Don C. Wood, John Searle.  
Vallejo: Delbert M. Wright, E. J. Partington.

## M. I. A.

The Oakland Stake Gleaner Girl summer program will be carried out as follows:  
Elmhurst Ward—A backwards party held on June 1.

Dimond—June 22.

Oakland—July 13.

Berkeley—Aug. 3.

The purpose of this well planned summer activity is to foster fellowship between the wards and provide wholesome recreation.

## WARD NEWS

### DIMOND

The M. I. A. ended an exceptionally successful year of activities with a contest in Music and Public speaking Tuesday evening, May 25. Gail Heath won first place in singing, other soloists were Ruth Boyle, Edith Boothe, Mark Burrows and Ora Miller. James Ruff won the public speaking award with his talk on "Citizenship," other participants were Viola and Dennis Lauper.

The five Dixon girls including Sarah Summerhays and Helen Payne, left Friday, May 28, on a motor trip to Utah, where they expect to spend several weeks. Their mother is leaving New York in early June to join them in Provo.

A most enjoyable and profitable afternoon was spent by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Monday, May 24, at the home of Ruth Gealta.

The new officers of the Genealogical Society are president Clyde Russel, counselors Albert Fitzpatrick and Knute Torgenson.

Oscar McCarthy is the new director of the Dimond Choir succeeding Clyde J. Summerhays.

A farewell will be given for Dennis Lauper, June 11, in the Dimond Chapel, prior to his departure for a mission in France.

Peggy Lewis entertained at a tea and handkerchief shower for her sister-in-law Dorothy Beery, Sunday afternoon, May 16. Dorothy was a member of the Girls' Chorus and the Dimond Choir. She has moved to Ogden, Utah, to make her home. She will be greatly missed by the many friends she made while here.

The Girl's Chorus was entertained May 26, by their former director, Jean Lauper, with a buffet supper at her home in San Francisco. Under their new director, Annabelle Hart, the chorus is singing for the conjoint meeting in Oakland, June 6.

## MARTINEZ

Elsie Knowles is around again after an emergency appendix operation.

A special Mother's Day program was presented on Mother's Day with a record attendance of 105 present.

Pittsburg Sunday School reports 59 present at their Mother's Day program.

Pittsburg Sunday School presented the program at Sacramento meeting May 9. Speakers were Sister Vera Averett and Sister Elizabeth Clement, Missionaries from the Sacramento district. Musical numbers were by Sister Bagshaw, June and Janice McDonald and a reading by June McDonald.

Francis Mellor, Sr. of Pittsburg left May 11, for her old home in England. She will be gone several months. Before leaving she was feted at a surprise party, given by the Book of Mormon Class at the home of her daughter Mrs. E. Scott. Also the Relief Society gave a party in her honor at the home of Mrs. Scott Nelson.

## RICHMOND

Mrs. Zundel and her daughter Ada, have returned from Salt Lake, where they visited with friends and did some temple work.

Richmond Ward Relief Society held a closing party on May 25, and have decided to meet twice monthly as a sewing circle.

Mr. Canada Bingham was advanced to the office of priest and Charles Wheeler was ordained to the office of deacon.

Richmond M. I. A. closed the very successful year with a party which was well attended.

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## BERKELEY

The Relief Society gave a turkey dinner the proceeds from which will be used for the purchase of a piano for the lounge.

Dilworth Jensen, Jim Strong, Newell Call and Vernon Jensen are among the students who have returned to their homes for the summer.

Mrs. Eva Pinkerton has returned home after a year's absence from Berkeley. A party was held in her honor at the home of Miss Alma Dean Ericksen with Miss Ione Casto and Miss Ericksen acting as joint hostesses.

Bishop Robinson, former bishop of Dimond and his wife of Seattle, have been visiting friends in Berkeley the past week.

Funeral services were held last week for James Fuller Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rogers.

Ezra T. Benson and family are returning to their home in Boise, Idaho, after spending the school year here.

The Elders have been assigned to take care of the grounds of our Church during the next year.

## ELMHURST

Mrs. Alice Muir and Mrs. Viola Schipper, 1st and 2nd counselors in the Y. L. M. I. A. were released with a vote of thanks for their splendid work.

Mrs. L. Holder and Mrs. Barbara Martin were sustained as our new 1st and 2nd counselors.

Mr. Le Roy Cheney has been released as chairman of the Ward Genealogical Society and Mr. F. D. Webb has been chosen as the new chairman.

Our relief society organization is now complete with Mrs. Mary Partington president, Mrs. Agnes Nelson, 1st counselor, Mrs. Sarah A. Stock, 2nd counselor and Mrs. Jennie Paine as secretary.

We as members of the Elmhurst Ward extend our sympathy and condolences to Mr. R. T. Paine and family in the loss of Mr. Paine's mother.

Our next Ward dance will be held June 18—Everyone is invited—Don't forget the date.

## VALLEJO

Since the last Messenger was published the Relief Society has been reorganized. We are pleased to announce that Ruby Larsen our former first counselor has accepted the position of president. She has chosen as her counselors, Elizabeth Brown and Pearl Fowles, Ruth E. Cheshire being retained as secretary.

Under the auspices of the Sunday School and the Mutual a very successful banquet was given Tuesday evening, May 11, in the Women's Club Building.

Marjorie Lewis and Sarah Neerings, instructors of the Bee Hive Girls, supervised their class in the beautiful Candle Lighting Ceremony, Sunday evening, May 2. On Tuesday evening the mothers were entertained by the girls and witnessed them receive their awards for their year's work.

Georgia Coleman, president of the Primary, with her counselors and teachers are very busy preparing for their "Spring Festival," which is to be given Tuesday evening, May 25.

Stake Chorister Harvey Nielson and family and Ward Chorister Clair Lewis and family are vacationing in Idaho and Utah for a couple of weeks.

The Ward Relief Society Conference was held Sunday evening, May 9.

## VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS

Angus H. and Katherine McAfee Norberg, girl, Oakland.  
Theodore and Mavis Shirley Baer, girl, Oakland.  
Karl and Leica Afton Pyper Fielding, boy, Oakland.  
Harvey Naylor and Lucile Judd Naylor, boy, Oakland.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clare Hunt, son, Alameda.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cullum, son, Concord.  
Mr. and Mrs. Evan Robison, son, May 11, of Clyde.

## MARRIAGES

Gladys Smithen to Vao Cheney, April 24, by Bishop McFarlane, Elmhurst.  
Faye Potter to Clarence Wm. Ahleen, May 22, Dimond.

## DEATHS

Jane S. Checketts, May 9, Dimond.  
Effies Walker, May 11, Dimond.  
Armott William Baxter, born Jan. 6, 1863, died May 6, 1937, Alameda.  
James Fuller Rogers, Berkeley.

## ORDINATIONS

Robert Price, Deacon, Berkeley.  
Carl Galbraith, Elder, Berkeley.  
Forrest Rissman, Teacher, Oakland.  
Ward Hall, Elder, Berkeley.  
Clifford Bagley, Elder, Oakland.  
Ivan Rogers, Elder, Berkeley.  
Clare Hunt, Seventy, Alameda.  
Joseph S. Harman, Seventy, Alameda.  
David Kleespie, Priest, Dimond.  
Ray Nish, Deacon, Alameda.  
Wilbur Partington, Deacon, Alameda.  
Clifton Starrat, Priest, Alameda.  
Clyde Russel, High Priest, Dimond.  
Clyde Curtis, High Priest, Dimond.  
Glen Eves, Priest, Dimond.  
Allen Herring, Deacon, Dimond.  
Reed Stone, Deacon, Berkeley.  
James Stoker, Deacon, Dimond.

## BAPTISMS

Lougean Hunter, May 8, Elmhurst.  
Alcea Zola Sutton, May 8, Elmhurst.  
Doris Marie Elaine Jeffries, May 8, Elmhurst.  
Richard K. Hanks, May 8, Elmhurst.  
Clyde Attison Philputt, May 8, Elmhurst.  
Maurine Faye Philputt, May 8, Elmhurst.  
Jessie Sanford Wickman, May 8, Elmhurst.  
Jean McLaughlin Marchant, May 8, Elmhurst.  
Yvonne Gregory, May 1, Alameda.  
Anna Gayline Clayton, May 1, Alameda.  
Mrs. Martin, Martinez.

## ALAMEDA

President and Mrs. Eugene Hilton attended Mutual Conjoint meeting May 2, 1937.

Mrs. Ivy Breck represented the Relief Society conference held May 9.

Mrs. Sophia Jensen, having spent the last six months here, is now leaving for her home in Salt Lake City, accompanied by her son Mr. Wendell M. Jensen and family.

Mrs. Dorothy Crosby and her daughter Phyllis, are spending Decoration Day in Ogden, Utah.

Mrs. Rulon Knowles entertained the Bee Hive Girls at a candy pull at her home.

Mrs. Garnie Johnson spent six enjoyable weeks visiting friends and relatives in Salt Lake City.

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had for some time. The occasion, a testimonial honoring President and Mrs. W. Aird MacDonald. In behalf of Ward members Bishop Shields presented our honored guest with a lamp. We feel honored and thankful that we have been privileged to have the association of these splendid people, and hope it will not be long until we have them back in our midst.

We have had several visitors in our ward the past month including E. J. Seastrand from American Fork and G. L. Woolf.

The Sunday School held a successful turkey dinner on May 5.

Sunday evening, May 9, the primary closed their spring work with graduation exercises.

Mrs. John J. MacAfee of Salt Lake is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Norberg.

Several of our primary workers are planning to go to Salt Lake for June conference.

Mrs. Bessie Stephens and son are visiting in Salt Lake.

Relief Society conference was held May 23. A splendid evening's program was enjoyed. Stake Board visitors were Emma Russell and Ivie Breck.

The Gleaner girls entertained at a shower for Mildred Holmes at the home of Dorothy Brown.

Elizabeth Bergman, with her son Norman, spent two weeks visiting in Porterville.

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